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**HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER STATEMENT  
REGARDING SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR FINDINGS**

**TALLAHASSEE** -- Florida House Democratic Leader Franklin Sands (D-Weston) issued the following statement in response to today's announcement that Stephen Kahn, a special investigator for the Florida House of Representatives, has found probable cause to believe that Representative Ray Sansom, a Destin Republican, violated the House Code of Conduct.

"I am saddened by House Special Investigator Stephen Kahn's findings that Representative Ray Sansom, a Destin Republican, may have abused his public office and violated ethics guidelines. Along with other legislators and many Florida citizens, I am eager to learn more about the findings of the various authorities who are officially investigating the representative's alleged misconduct.

"As such, I look forward to reviewing any findings and recommendations of the House Select Committee on Standards of Official Conduct that has been appointed to review allegations concerning Representative Sansom.

"As elected officials, it is of the utmost importance that we conduct ourselves in a manner that not only meets that which is required by law but exceeds the public's highest expectations."

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